

highlight the Point Lookout lighthouse and the lives of lighthouse keepers. With nearly a half million visitors annually, Point Lookout provides a real Bay experience for many people. The new exhibits will greatly expand interpretive information for visitors and share more of the Bay story.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL ROLLER HOCKEY TEAM

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the members of the Southern Regional High School Roller Hockey Team. On Monday, August 4, 2003, New Jersey's Southern Regional High School Rams defeated Georgia's Milton Eagles in the final game of the USA Hockey Inline High School National Roller Hockey Championships held in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Led by Coach Robert Schoka, the Rams were seeded number two in the playoffs with a tournament record of 5-2 when they entered the tournament finals. Their hard-earned victory against the Eagles came in overtime, with a final score of 6-5, allowing the Rams to become the first ever National Championship Team in high school roller hockey history.

In addition to taking home the national championship title, several members of the Rams took home awards for their individual performances during the tournament. Goal-tender Kenny Calicchio, who started and finished all eight games in goal, received an award for the Best Goaltender in the tournament for his record of 187 saves on 207 shots made on goal. Donald Cioffi, the third highest scorer in the tournament with eight goals and eight assists, was selected to the All-Tournament Team. Most impressive, however, is the Team Sportsmanship Award that the tournament referees awarded to the Rams for the team's fair play and sportsmanlike behavior.

It is only fitting that the Rams' exemplary performance during this historic event in U.S. High School Athletics be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the individual and team accomplishments of such talented young individuals as the members of the Southern Regional Rams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Rams' families and friends, and me in honoring Coach Schoka and the members of the Southern Regional High School Roller Hockey Team.

TRIBUTE TO SANDY DRAGGOO

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Sandy Draggoo of the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) as she has recently received the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transportation Manager Award. Ms. Draggoo has dedicated nearly thirty years to the Capital Area Transportation Authority and is responsible for the successful enterprise it is today.

In 1974, Sandy Draggoo's career with CATA began while the authority was in its infancy. Just two years after its inception, Sandy started as the secretary to the Executive Director. She was soon promoted to Personnel Manager in 1976, and after nine successful years succeeded her former boss as Executive Director in 1984. Under Ms. Draggoo's leadership, CATA has changed markedly in the last eighteen years. Annually, CATA provides over 8.7 million rides, more than twice the number it provided just five years ago, and almost twelvefold the roughly 730,000 rides the authority provided in 1974. This dramatic increase in ridership is a testament to Sandy's dedication and hard work and earned CATA the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Transit System Award in 1991.

In 1997, CATA announced the opening of the CATA Transportation Center, an intermodal passenger transfer center that had been a project of the authority since the mid 1980's. Sandy's leadership was paramount in overcoming the many hurdles necessary to bring this project to fruition. More recently, Sandy secured a contract with Michigan State University to assume operation of their bus system and consequently increased ridership from 850,000 to nearly 3 million. Ms. Draggoo brought extended CATA routes to Michigan State University students living in new off campus communities, averting severe congestion that worried local residents and municipal leaders.

Mr. Speaker, in her tenure, Sandy Draggoo has transformed the Capital Area Transportation Authority from a startup public transportation system into one of the nation's most premier. Her hard work and determination have earned her the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transportation Manager Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Draggoo for the receipt of this award and for her leadership and commitment to my community.

HONORING EDWIN HAWKINS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin Hawkins on his 60th birthday for his achievements as a gospel music pioneer and community activist. He has been a composer, producer, songwriter and vital force in gospel music for four decades.

The album "Let Us Go into the House of the Lord" was the first to bring acclaim to Mr. Hawkins. Among its highlights was the track "Oh Happy Day," which unexpectedly found a home on underground FM playlists across San Francisco. The single quickly began earning airplay on mainstream R&B and pop outlets across the country, and in the spring of 1969 it reached the U.S. Top Five on its way to selling an astounding seven million copies and taking home a Grammy award for Best Gospel/Soul Performance of 1969. At this time the choir was rechristened the Edwin Hawkins Singers, although the featured voice on "Oh Happy Day" belonged to singer Dorothy Combs Morrison, who soon exited in pursuit of a solo career.

In 1970 the group made a return appearance on the pop charts supporting the artist Melanie on her hit "Lay Down (Candle in the Wind)." Edwin Hawkins remained a critical favorite, and in 1972, the Singers won a second Grammy for "Every Man Wants to Be Free." Recording prolifically throughout the remainder of the decade, in 1980 they won a third Grammy for "Wonderful"; a fourth award, for "If You Love Me," followed three years later.

In 1982, Edwin founded the Edwin Hawkins Music and Arts Seminar, an annual week-long convention that offers workshops exploring all facets of the gospel industry and culminating each year with a live performance by the assembled mass choir. The 2002 Love Fellowship Mass Choir included hundreds of representatives from the United States, Europe, and Japan.

Gospel musicians and vocalists from around the world will meet to celebrate this great composer, musician, and vocalist on his 60th birthday. On a personal note, I would like to thank Edwin for his long-standing friendship and encouragement. He is a true believer, and has been steadfast in his honesty and support. I take great pride in joining his friends, colleagues, and family to salute the extraordinary Edwin Hawkins.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF COLONEL CHARLES YOUNG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of Colonel Charles Young's service as superintendent of Sequoia National Park. A ceremony was held in his honor at Sequoia National Park on Saturday, August 23.

Colonel Young graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1884. While serving as a Captain in the Cavalry at the Presidio of San Francisco he received orders to take his troops to Sequoia National Park. In doing so, he became the first black superintendent of the park. His men, known as the "Buffalo Soldiers", were the all-black members of the 9th U.S. Cavalry. They completed the first road into the Giant Forest, constructed trails, and began active protection of the world's largest trees. Colonel Young later went on to have a successful career in a practically all white army. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors.